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HOW HAS THE PUBLIC BEEN RECENTLY?
RUMOURS ABOUT A GHOST KEEP SPREADING, IT SEEMS
OH?
"IT'S BECAUSE COMETS HAVE APPEARED THIS YEAR."
"IN THE TOWN OF REED, CHILDREN HAVE DISAPPEARED."
"LIVESTOCK WERE DAMAGED."
THOSE MYSTERIOUS RUMOURS WERE THE TALK OF THE TOWN
FOREST OF NOBILITY
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MY! KOJIMO,
YOU'VE BEEN COMING TO TOWN A LOT LATELY.
YEAH,
QUITE A BIT.
YOUR HOUSE IS OUTSIDE THE TOWN, SO BE MORE CAREFUL, YOU HEAR ME?
WHAT HAPPENED?

...HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? LATELY THE STREETS HERE AND THERE...
OHHH, THAT.
THERE'S A RUMOUR THAT THERE'LL BE A SEARCH IN THE FOREST SOON.
...WHAT?
THINGS LIKE LIVESTOCK GETTING KILLED AND BODIES DISAPPEARING FROM THE CEMETERY?
BECAUSE EVERYONE IS GROWING TOO UNEASY.

REMEMBER TO BE MORE CAREFUL TOO!
OKAY.
THANKS.
THE MYSTERIOUS RUMOUR'S WERE THE TALK OF THE TOWN
I'M BACK.
NO ONE CAME BY, DID THEY-
HITH

WH-
YOU...! THAT'S DANGEROUS! WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU PLANNING!?
I SHOULD BE ASKING WHAT YOU WERE PLANNING!!
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!?
YOU THINK I CAN DRINK PIG'S BLOOD!?
WOW
HE SPILT IT ALL

—I JUST THOUGHT YOU WOULD DRINK IT IF YOU WERE HUNGRY
I ALSO USED SOME SAUSAGES.
(BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO DRINK IT ANYWAY.)
—ARE YOU STUPID?
"I AM OF NOBLE LINEAGE."
DO YOU THINK I CAN DRINK THE BLOOD OF BEASTS?

...HE'S JUST A DIRTY BRAT LIKE ALWAYS
BUT SOMETIMES HIS EXPRESSIONS CAN CHANGE.
...YOU'RE
... YOU'RE HUNGRY, AREN'T YOU?

DON'T USE YOUR TEETH.
THE CHILD I FOUND DRANK BLOOD.
WHAT ARE YOU?

ALDEO
NO, I DON'T MEAN YOUR NAME,
IS IT OKAY FOR YOU TO BE OUTSIDE?
EVEN THOUGH IT'S BROAD DAYLIGHT?
ALDEO?
?
WHAT?
...AREN'T YOU A VAMPIRE?
...WHO KNOWS...
"WHO KNOWS"?
I... I DON'T REALLY KNOW
I SLEPT FOR A LONG TIME
I THINK...
YOU DON'T KNOW? HUH.
...A LONG TIME AGO,

I HAD AN EXTREMELY BAD FEVER.
EVEN IN OUR TERRITORY A LOT OF PEOPLE DIED FROM THE DISEASE.
ONE NIGHT THEY SAID I COULD NO LONGER BE SAVED.
MY MOTHER BROUGHT A [illegible].
SHE WAS CRYING WHILE ASKING HIM...
IF HE'S LEFT LIKE THIS, THIS CHILD WILL DIE.
PLEASE TAKE HIM WITH YOU SOMEHOW
...IN A FEW MINUTES THAT WOMAN SOLD OFF HER SON TO THE DEVIL
I HEARD SHE WAS LATER IMPRISONED AND DIED.
... I THOUGHT IT WAS SOMETHING LIKE A CONFESSION.

... WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MAN WHO TOOK YOU AWAY?
HE DIED.
HE DIED?
MAYBE IT WAS HIS TIME.
"YOU'RE THE YOUNGER BROTHER. CARRY ON AND LIVE WISELY."
VAMPIRES HAVE A LIFE SPAN?
(I THOUGHT THEY WERE IMMORTAL?)
THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T GET WHAT YOU WERE SAYING.
GENERALLY WE CALL YOUR KIND "VAMPIRE"
PROBABLY LEGENDS FROM HERE AND THERE GOT MIXED...
THEN HE COLLAPSED LIKE SAND...
THAT'S PROBABLY HOW IT HAPPENED...

KOJIMO, YOU KEEP SAYING "VAMPIRES, VAMPIRES"...
WHAT DO YOU ACTUALLY MEAN?
IT'S THAT OF COURSE...
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID VAMPIRES WERE "NOBILITY", RIGHT?
THAT?

SHIT...
I HAVE TO HURRY BACK!
KOJIMO!
THE TOWN'S AWFULLY NOISY...
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHY DID YOU COME TO THE TOWN AT THIS TIME?
WHAT IS...
IT'S A FOREST HUNT.
FOREST ...?
WHEN THE DAUGHTER OF A UPPER-CLASS FAMILY DIED, THE CITY COUNCIL PUT OUT A REWARD
EVERYONE IS UNEASY WHEN IT'S THINGS LIKE MONSTERS, THINGS HUMANS DON'T UNDERSTAND, THEY'RE GOING TO HUNT IT DOWN

... WHERE ARE WE GOING? I CAN'T REALLY STAND STRONG SUNLIGHT...
DON'T COMPLAIN THE TOWNSPEOPLE HAVE STARTED THE FOREST HUNT.
FOREST ...
THEY'VE PUT OUT A REWARD TOO IF THEY FIND YOU THEY'LL HUNT YOU DOWN
!
FROM NOW ON, WE'LL STAY WITH THE COUNT.
COUNT?

A TWIN-HEADED GOAT IS 10 PIECES OF SILVER A WEREWOLF IS 8 PIECES OF GOLD.

HIS HOUSE COLLECTION OF RARITIES CAN GIVE US PROTECTION.
COLLECT -ION ...
THE MESSENGER FLEW OUT A WHILE AGO, SO WE SHOULD MEET HIM SOON.
HEY, WHEN YOU SAID "GIVE US PROTECTION", WHO WERE YOU TALKING...

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, KOJIMO
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN
ALDEO?
I HAVEN'T WRITTEN TO YOU LATELY
BUT ALDEO-SAMA HAS ALWAYS NEGLECTED TO WRITE TO ME, TOO.
THE ONE BEFORE HAS BEEN STUFFED WITH SAWDUST, IT IS NOW DECORATING THE GUESTROOM.
JUST LIKE YOU SAID, IT TURNED OUT VERY BEAUTIFULLY WHEN I MADE THE EYES OUT OF AMBER.

I AM HONOURED THAT YOU ARE PLEASED.
...IS THAT THE NEW ITEM?
YES, I FOUND HIM THE FOREST THE OTHER DAY.
HEY, KOJIMO, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?

A WEREWOLF IS 8 PIECES OF GOLD

HE LIVES OFF THE BLOOD OF HUMANS
BLOOD OF HUMANS? THAT'S EXTREMELY UNUSUAL.
HE CALLS HIMSELF ALDEO.
...HIS FACE IS SIMILAR TO MINE ISN'T IT?
ALDEO?
SOMETHING ALONG THE LINE OF A VAMPIRE BUT I'M NOT TOO CERTAIN
THIS AREA IS PART OF YOUR GREAT FAMILY LINEAGE. SO IT'S AN ACCEPTABLE
...I SEE.
THAT COULD BE THE REASON.
YOU COULD KEEP HIM.

KOJIMO!
OR YOU COULD USE HIM AS A DECORATION LIKE THAT WOMAN, TOO
MOREOVER, ALDEO-SAMA,
WEREN'T YOU-
LOOKING FOR A FACE THAT YOU COULD USE TO MAKE A MASK?
END.